WALKING IN FLEMISH BRABANT

24 Inspiring Walks in Flemish Brabant
TOP NOTCH WALKING PROVINCE? ABSOLUTELY!

So, what makes Flemish Brabant the walking province? If you want to know, you'll have to pull on a pair of walking shoes and see for yourself. Meanwhile, rest assured that you won't be bored. Extraordinary sights along countless signposted footpaths are all that lie ahead! Mix and match nodes – physical and virtual – to create a walk that goes where you want and how far you want. Make it even easier on yourself with a themed loop trail; go for an extended trip along one of the three regional GRs or vanish into the green on a landscape walk. No one trip is alike with this variety in the Flemish-Brabant landscape and so much to discover and experience.

That journey begins as soon as you're out of the hustle and bustle of Brussels and have landed in the Green Belt's elegant parks and castle gardens. In the midst of this sublime greenery, Bruegel painted his most famous scenes, and you can still catch a glimpse of the very same churches and water mills. Wild yeasts mingle through the air, the source of the region's unique lambic beers. Stalwart Brabant draught horses peer out inquisitively from their pastures, especially in the Brabant Kouters, where the Palm Brewery proudly displays this noble beast on its logo. Did someone say beer? Did you know this is the oldest and once largest hop region in Flanders?

The mammoth Sonian Forest takes you via the Grape Region and the Dyle River Valley into Silsom Woods and on towards Leuven, where you'll soon reach Heverlee Woods and the Meerdaal Forest. These forests are bursting with oxygen and life. The sunken paths of the Mollendaal Forest lead you to the Velpe. This and the Winge, Demer, and Large and Small Gete Rivers criss-cross the hilly Hage-land landscape, where vineyards, fruit orchards, sleepy villages and lively towns brimming with history await. And that's just the tip of the iceberg of what's within walking distance.

The wide array of things to see and do in Flemish Brabant is undeniable. It's up to you to get out and explore them! The practical walk fact sheets at the back of this brochure are just a foretaste. They give you a great start, and once you've started – you won't want to stop! The good news is that in Flemish Brabant there are so many more paths for you to explore!
NEVER GET LOST AGAIN!

DO YOU ALWAYS WIND UP LOST? THAT MIGHT POSE A CHALLENGE THIS TIME AROUND, BECAUSE ALL OF THIS BROCHURE’S WALKS ARE SIGNPOSTED. THE SIGNPOSTS COME IN DIFFERENT SHAPES, SIZES AND COLOURS.

WALKING NODES
The walking networks are a network of routes where each intersection has been signposted with a node linked to a unique number. These red and white node-to-node signposts let you know which node you’ve reached. The arrows under the node number show what direction other nearby nodes are in. If you’re between two different nodes, you’ll find signs with a node number and an arrow pointing you in the right direction.

LOOP TRAILS
Do you have trouble choosing between walking networks? Then our themed loop trails are exactly what you’re looking for. These trails are marked with hexagonal red and white signs with the name of the walk and an arrow indicating the direction you should follow.

‘VIRTUAL’ WALKING NODES
Virtual nodes are an innovative take on the classic, signposted nodes. The nodes are there, you just can’t see or touch them. They are on the map though, and with the free ‘Wandelknooppunt’-app, you’ve got them with you all the time.

WALKING IS FOR EVERYONE
Walking in Flemish Brabant is always good for the soul. And that’s why we prioritise people who need additional support with our range of accessible walks for getting out and about in Flemish Brabant. This offer is also constantly expanding. Special signposting is provided along the way to identify these walks.

LANDSCAPE WALKS
In a dozen or so special natural reserves in the Hageland, the footpaths have been signposted with geometric figures in different colours. All of the landscape walks are signposted this way. Each shape depicts the length of the walk: a green stripe or a blue diamond indicates a short walk, an orange ball indicates a medium-length trip, and a red triangle will show you the way on long walks.

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REGIONAL GRs
Are you an avid walker and are you happiest when the road before you seemingly stretches on without end? Well, the regional GRs were created with you in mind. These huge loop-shaped walks are a few hundred kilometres long and are signposted with the typical red and white and red and yellow signs of the Grand Route Paths. Flemish Brabant has three of these, i.e. the Hageland, Dijleland and Green Belt routes.
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WALKS – FACT SHEETS

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STILL FEEL LIKE WALKING?
Visit www.tourismflemishbrabant.be/walking and find all the inspiration you need for your next trip.

Plan ahead with the online route planner
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Take a walking map along
Would you feel better with a real map in your pocket? No problem! They’re available in bookshops and at the tourist information offices or you can order them online at www.toerismevlaamsbrabant.be/publicaties

WALGRAEVE WALK

DATE OF WALK

WEATHER

NOTEWORTHY SPOTS

IMPRESSIONS

8.1 KM

WALGRAEVE WALK

GALMAARDEN

Walking route (unpaved)
Walking route (paved)

Museum of the Belgian Draught Horse
WALGRAEVE WALK

It’s the walk’s panoramic pièce de résistance, where Vollezele was named for the parish priest, Aloïs Walgraeve. The vistas that greet your gaze are an invitation to reflect on this beauty in silence. Stroll through the fields, meadows and orchards that the Belgian draught horse calls home. The Belgian Draught Horse Museum on the village square pays homage to a rich history where draught horses play the starring role.

BRABANT DRAUGHT HORSE DAY

On the third Sunday of October, the Pajot village of Vollezele celebrates Brabant Draught Horse Day. Combined driving, shows, covered wagon rides, pulling demonstrations, inspections and the famous Brillantworp all play a part. Chocolate horses are thrown and whoever catches the gold one, wins a bronze Brillant statue. Brillant? He was the forefather of today’s Brabant draught horses.
WINDMILL WALK

Traverse the verdant Pajot countryside to reach the Hertboom Mill in Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Lombeek. Why?

WANDELPLEZIER

ZEPPOS MILL

After a stroll through the lovely village of Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Lombeek, it should come as no surprise that the village was once voted the most beautiful village in Flemish Brabant. In fact, it was nearly named the most beautiful village in all Flanders. Just beyond the village borders and surrounded by fields, the mill has a certain idyllic charm about it. The Hertboom Mill is also known as the Zeppos Mill. This spot is where the beloved childhood Flemish television action hero, Captain Zeppos, once lived.

ADDRESS

Windmolensstraat 29
1760 Roosdaal

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CASTLES WALK

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CHECK IT OUT

The Windmill Walk is a recommended loop on the Pajottenland walking network. Want to see more?

www.tourismflemishbrabant.be/walking

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CASTLES WALK

Start your journey at the church in Gaasbeek, a village with genuine rural charm. From the stately splendour of Gaasbeek Castle, a noble fortress centuries old, walk through to Groenenberg Castle, the once elegant – but still beautiful – country retreat of the wealthy bourgeoisie. Majestic and stately forest lanes give way to handsome green punctuated by splashes of colour provided by clusters of rhododendrons. The astonishing views are the icing on the cake.

THE GROENENBERG DOMAIN

Groenenberg’s splendid castle is surrounded by 45-hectares of lush green. The park’s gorgeous collections of azaleas, hydrangeas and rhododendrons guarantee splashes of colour all year round. Just a hop, skip and a jump away, you can enjoy the to-die-for ice cream at the Krijmerie of Gaasbeek, made with fresh milk from Pajotteland’s farms. There are over twenty different flavours of ice creamy heaven to be had, along with lavish sundaes, gorgeous ice cream cakes and other regional delicacies.

ADDRESS

Windmolenstraat 29
1760 Roosdaal

The Castles Walk is a recommended loop on the Pajotteland walking network. Want to see more?

The Groenenberg Domain

DEPARTURE POINT

Church of Our Lady
Donkerstraat 26B
1750 Gaasbeek (Lennik)

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HERISEM WALK

The Herisem Walk introduces you to the grandiose and ornate Church of Our Lady of Beersel, among others. Herisem Mill is also a stop on the way – a fine example of the once flourishing paper and cardboard industry in Flemish Brabant, and well worth the visit. You can also enjoy a view out across the beautiful Molenbeek Valley.

DEPARTURE POINT
Cultureel Centrum De Meent
Gemeenveldstraat 34
1652 Alsemberg (Beersel)

NODES
Follow the hexagonal red and white signs (loop trails).

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routemeldpunt (in Dutch)

The Herisem Walk is part of the Green Belt walking selection. Want to see more?
WWW.TOURISMFLEMISHBRABANT.BE/WALKING

LAMBIC AND GUEUZE
The Zenne River Valley – did you know that traditional lambic beer is only produced here? By the light of the moon, brewers open their coolships to the night air and let the wild yeasts Brettanomyces Bruxellensis and Brettanomyces Lambicus do the rest. Gueuze is a mixture of young and old lambic fermented a second time in the bottle. Find out about this unique story at De Lambiek Visitor Centre in Beersel.

MORE INFO
en.delambiek.be

Walking route (unpaved)
Walking route (paved)
**Kruisborre Walk**

The ‘Kapellekensweg’ or ‘Kruis’ pilgrimage route, which passes a host of chapels, begins at Kruisborre Chapel - a beautiful protected heritage site. Learn the bleak legend behind this chapel, one riddled with remorse and involving a host stolen from the Eucharist and bloodstained wood chips. ‘Kruisborre’ is a combination of the words ‘cross’ and ‘wellspring’, an explicit reference to the wellspring that found its source at this chapel.

**DEPARTURE POINT**

Hopmarkt
1730 Asse

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**THE HOP REGION**

It was only a few centuries ago that a clever brewer considered it: ‘Why not throw hops in my beer?’. That idea turned out to be a smash hit, far better than the herbal mix that brewers had had to work with so far. Hops give beer its bitter taste and aroma. Hop cultivation flourished and the Asse, Affligem and Aalst region became the oldest and at one time, the largest hop region in Flanders. It’s a tradition that’s still alive and kicking!
GRIMBERGEN CHAPEL WALK

This walk turns back the clock, taking you down country roads studded with the municipality’s loveliest chapels. Pass directly through the centre of town, past the Norbertine abbey and the St Servaas Basilica with its 49 carillon bells that sound every Sunday and on public holidays, and lastly, make your way to a different sort of chapel – the MIRA observatory – a chapel of the ‘heavens’. The MOT – formerly called the Museum of Old Techniques – is housed in the Grimbergen Castle, its stables, the Torrem Mill and the Lier Mill.

THE ABBEY, MIRA AND THE MOT

Grimbergen Abbey has risen from the ashes, not just once, but three times – in the 12th, 16th and 18th centuries. So, it’s only natural that the abbey’s symbol became the phoenix. One of the Norbertine monks founded the Mira Observatory in 1964. These days it’s a fantastic centre for learning all there is to learn about space and the stars above. Want to get things done? Why not get it done at the MOT, the former Museum of Old Techniques? It’s the place to discover how people used to get things done – in a playful way!

MORE INFO

WEERDSE WINDING WALK

Explore the peaceful surroundings of Weerde, a region where Rubens once enjoyed whiling away the time. Watch the water birds glide across the Weerd fishpond or admire the centuries-old sluice tower. Follow the charming footpaths to find the winding Zenne River. The views here are absolutely stunning.

DEPARTURE POINT
Sint-Martinus Church
Dorpsstraat
1982 Weerde (Zemst)

NODES
642 > 543 > 640 > 635 > 632 > 630

THE NODES OF THIS WALK ARE NOT SIGNPOSTED IN THE FIELD.

You can use the app.
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CUDDLY ANIMALS AND FRESH VEGETABLES

The petting zoo of ‘t Gulderijtje is a treat, with sheep, geese, miniature pigs, rabbits, deer and all kinds of other animals. There’s also an organic community garden and buzzing bees that make delicious honey. Don’t forget to stop by the Van Haesendonk family farm and their shop for fresh regional products. You can buy Belgian endive, potatoes, and onions, but also beef, fruit, jams, soup and juices.

ADDRESS
Gulderij / Van Asschevoetweg 10
1982 Weerde-Zemst

The Weerdse Winding Walk is a recommended loop on the Brabantse Kouters walking network. Want to see more?
WWW.TOURISMFLEMISHBRABANT.BE/WALKING
The Antitank Trench Walk and the adjoining Haachts Marsh is a serene walking area scattered with bridges and corduroy roads. This walk really gives you the feeling that you could wander aimlessly here for hours. Here and there you’ll run into a herd of large herbivores, munching away to create wide open spaces, the beloved haunts of sun-worshippers, such as butterflies and other insects.

Once there was a moated castle, then a castle, and today there’s a cool play tower with a fantastic neighbourhood park around it. Bring a picnic basket along for a bite on the grounds, where your kids can run wild. The information boards tell you more about the history and those who once called the castle home.

**DATE OF WALK**

**WEATHER**

**NOTEWORTHY SPOTS**

**IMPRESSIONS**

**ADDRESS**

Wespelaarsteenweg 85
3150 Haacht
SILSOM WOODS WALK

Silsom Woods is enchantingly beautiful all year round, but it’s when the early summer sun makes its appearance and thousands of forest orchids and metre-high horse tails are in bloom that it becomes a true fairy-tale realm. This walk takes you deep into the heart of this mysterious forest. Beware of the Dark Lady though, this statue of Mary on the banks of the Molenbeek River has a sombre tale to tell. Put on a pair of sturdy walking shoes or boots, because it can get incredibly muddy out there.

DEPARTURE POINT
Groene Vallei Visitor Centre
Lelieboomgaardenstraat 60
3070 Erps-Kwerps (Kortenberg)

NODES

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THE ORCHARDS OF SILSOM WOODS
Silsom Woods is a place of mystery and magic. Legend and nature inter-twine in this place, and it’s the Zwarte Madam (Dark Lady) - a statue of Our Lady deep in the forest - who plays the leading role. Dark and sinister? Not at all, because the wild orchids that bloom in June light up the forest with their lovely soft colours.

ADDRESS
Lelieboomgaardenstraat 60
3071 Erps-Kwerps

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WARANDE WALK

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WARANDE WALK

This walk through Tervuren Park combines the best of both worlds – enchanting nature and history. While once the hunting ground of the nobility, the terrain has now become a walking and cycling paradise. The walk includes both indoor and outdoor treasures, including: St Hubert Chapel, Het Spaans Huis (millhouse and restaurant) and the AfricaMuseum with an unparalleled collection testifying to Central Africa’s tremendous cultural diversity.

DEPARTURE POINT
Visitor Centre De Warandepoort Markt 7B 3080 Tervuren

Walking route (unpaved) Walking route (cobblestones) Walking route (paved)

AFRICAMUSEUM
As far as museums about Africa go, this is one of the most beautiful and impressive, especially after the stunning renovation of its stately building. Experience Africa’s rainbow of nature, culture and traditions, reflect on its dark colonial history and marvel at the brilliance and creativity of Africa today.

IMPRESSIONS

MORE INFO
www.africamuseum.be/en

AFRICAMUSEUM

The Warande Walk is a recommended loop on the Zuid-Dijleland walking network. Want to see more? www.tourismvlaamsbrabant.be/walking
**MARGIJS WALK**

This walk takes you through the valley landscape of the Dyle and Ijse Rivers and is a patchwork of small fields and wetland forest, brushwood and reed beds, ponds and canals. The Doode Bemde is one of the most stunning green jewels of the Dyle River Valley. Climb up to Margijs Wood where some of the slopes transform into a sea of bluebells in the spring. Don’t forget your wellies. It can get soggy out there. Finish off your walk with a tasty pint at the De Kroon brewery.

**DEPARTURE POINT**
Neerijse Castle
Lindenhoflaan 3
3040 Neerijse (Huldenberg)

**NODERS**
201 > 202 > 100 > 101 > 104 > 203 > 204 > 205 > 206 > 207 > 208

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**BEER PROVINCE, FLEMISH BRABANT**

You know you’re in good hands when the best beer professors of the country reopen an old brewery. Filip Delvaux and his father, Freddy, turned De Kroon brewery into a true beer experience centre. Discover the old and the new brewery, taste the beers and enjoy a mouth-wateringly delicious meal at Het Brouwhuis.

**ADDRESS**
Beekstraat 20
3040 Neerijse

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**SCHAVAAI WALK**

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**ADDRESS**
Bekstraat 20
3040 Neerijse

**CHECK IT OUT**

The Margijs Walk is a recommended loop on the Zuid-Dijleland walking network. Want to see more? WWW.TOURISMFLAMISHBRABANT.BE/WALKING
**SCHAVAAI WALK**

The landscape alters during this walk between picturesque sunken paths, fields that stretch out forever, old-fashioned farms and forests. Schavaai is dialect for a fascine and also happens to be the name of the mighty Meerdaal Forest’s embranchment that stretches into the area. A hide at node 72 ‘De Moemedel’ awaits you at the very top of Meerdaal Forest.

**DEPARTURE POINT**
Sint-Hilarius Church
Dorpstraat 26
3360 Bierbeek

**RELIEF**

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7 KM

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300 KM
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**NOTEWORTHY SPOTS**

1. **Bertembos**
2. **Eikenbos**
3. **E314**
4. **E40**
5. **N3**

**ADDRESS**
Naamsesteenweg w/n
3001 Heverlee

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**WANDERPLEZIER**
300 KM

**WANDELNETWERK**
VLAAMS-BRABANT
ZUID-DIJLELAND

**ONTDEK DE**
Groene Gordel
VLAAMS-BRABANT
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**THE SUNKEN PATHS OF THE MOLLENDAAL FOREST**
The embranchment of the large Meerdaal Forest towards the Bierbeek hamlet of Mollendaal is a gem. This treasure includes tall beeches, lovely sunken paths etched into the forest landscape, steep slopes, stately avenues and winding paths. In other words, it’s perfect for a walk in the woods that’s good for the soul.

**ADDRESS**
Naamsesteenweg w/n
3001 Heverlee

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**BERTEM FOREST WALK**

Bertem Forest forms the backdrop for a hilly walk filled with majestic views. Nature isn’t all this walk has to offer. When out and about, you can also stop by the Roman Sint-Pieter’s Church in Bertem. The Vossenhol Play Forest is a great place to stop for families with children.

**DEPARTURE POINT**
Bosstraat, close to house number 187 3060 Bertem

**SIGNPOSTING**
Follow the hexagonal red and white signs (loop trails).

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**THE WOOD ANEMONES OF BERTEM FOREST**
The first beams of the spring sun conjure up a carpet of white wood anemones in the Bertem Forest – exceptionally beautiful with a hint of mystery about it. The forest lies on the crest of a hill and is the highest point in Bertem. Venture to the open spaces at the edge of the forest to treat yourself to a stunning panorama of the region.

**ADDRESS**
Bosstraat w/n 3060 Bertem
Tervuren Forest, an enchanted place where you can stroll down regal avenues and ramble among the exotic and foreign species of trees. The arboretum was established in 1902 at the bidding of King Leopold II. To see it at its finest, visit once autumn has arrived, when the leaves turn, transforming everything into a richly hued palette.

THE WORLD IN TREES
If you want to be impressed, then the mighty American giant sequoias are sure to knock your socks off. That said, The Geographic Arboretum of Tervuren is bound to impress no matter what with several hundred different species of trees from the northern hemisphere. Some stretch up to 115 meters high! Planting began in 1902 at the request of King Leopold II.

MORE INFO
www.arboretum-tervuren.be

The Royal Walk is part of the Green Belt walking selection.
Want to see more?
WWW.TOURISMFLEMISHBRABANT.BE/WALKING

DEPARTURE POINT
Vlakteoproef Car Park
3080 Tervuren

SIGNPOSTING
Follow the wooden poles with light green marking.

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WWW.TOURISMFLEMISHBRABANT.BE/WALKING
Discover the reverent tranquillity of the Norbertine Abbey in Averbode. The Abbey is surrounded by forest. In the east corner, you can explore the ‘Averbode Bos en Heide’ (Averbode Woods and Heathland) nature reserve made up of fens, heathland, dunes, forests and grasslands. As far as nature goes, it pulls out all the stops. Before you go, be sure to have an ice cream along the famous ‘Lekdreef’ (Ice Cream Lane) for the perfect ending.

Averbode Abbey

Abdijstraat 1
3271 Averbode
(Scherpenheuvel-Zichem)

The Norbertine Walk is a recommended loop on the de Merode walking network. Want to see more?
WWW.TOURISMFLEMISHBRABANT.BE/WALKING

NOTEWORTHY SPOTS

- Averbode’s Norbertines transformed the old stables and farmhouse into an enriching experience centre, breathing life back into their centuries old tradition of cheese making, bread baking and beer brewing. Be sure to give the Averbode Momentum beer a shot: unfiltered, slightly cloudy, 5.7% and straight from the brew kettle into your glass.

MORE INFO

www.averbodemoment.be/en

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Averbode Abbey
Abdijstraat 1
3271 Averbode
(Scherpenheuvel-Zichem)

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3271 Averbode
(Scherpenheuvel-Zichem)
WEBBEKOMSBROEK WALK

Walk the city of Diest’s historic ramparts and discover the Webbekom Broek dreamy nature reserve. It’s filled with flower-strewn meadows, reed beds and willow groves. The beautiful view of Diest is an added bonus. Finish your walk with a visit to the Halve Maan Provincial Domain, packed with things to see and do and perfect for young and old alike.

CANNONS AND A SANDY BEACH

It wasn’t so long ago that row upon row of cannons stood at the ready to defend the city. Nowadays you can sit in the mouth of a rusty brown cannon and enjoy watching the Demer River flow by. The now peaceful ramparts look idly on and stretch through to the Halve Maan Provincial Domain, a cheerful spot with no shortage of fun things to do. That’s especially true on those sunny summery days when the huge swimming pool and its sandy ‘beach’ give you an instant holiday feeling.

ADDRESS

Omer Vanaudenhovealaan 48, 3290 Diest

DEPARTURE POINT 1
De Halve Maan Nature Centre
Omer Vanaudenhovealaan 48
3290 Diest

DEPARTURE POINT 2
Webbekomstraat
3290 Webbekom (Diest)

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The Webbekom Broek walk is a landscape walk in the Hageland. Want to see more? WWW.TOURISMFLEMISHBRABANT.BE/WALKING
**WIJNGAARDBERG WALK**

The village of Wezemaal, just like this walk, is dedicated heart and soul to viticulture. The southern side of Wijngaardberg is blanketed with vines shielded by the ironstone vineyard wall. Cafés here are more than happy to pour you a glass of their local pride and joy, and on the last Saturday of August the whole village kicks up their heels during the wine festival in Wezemaal. The Hageland Wine Visitor Centre eagerly tells you all about this refreshing nectar of the gods.

**DEPARTURE POINT**

Hageland Wine Visitor Centre
Kerkstraat 16
3111 Wezemaal (Rotselaar)

**NOTEWORTHY SPOTS**

- Visit to find out everything there is to know about Hageland wine, Wijngaardberg and the Hageland itself. Naturally there’s tasting and you can buy a bottle, or two.
- A stone’s throw away from the visitor centre, under the shadow of the church tower, it’s always a treat enjoying a drink or a meal at Herberg In De Ster (rechristened as Brasserie Boeres) in the wine village of Wezemaal.

**ADDRESS**

Kerkstraat 6
3111 Wezemaal (Rotselaar)
BROEKEM WALK

The Broekem Walk takes you from Horst Castle to the Gempe Mill and back. No walker goes home disappointed on this walk. For the heritage-lover there’s Horst Castle and the picturesque St. Joseph’s Chapel, for romantics there are unpaved and/or sunken paths, views, a babbling brook and a watermill. History buffs will love Thunenhoeve’s rich history and back-to-nature types are sure to love Troostemberg hiking forest.

THE GEMPEMOLEN

The centuries old Gempe-molen (Gempe mill) is a little off the beaten track, nestled in the green of Troostemberg Forest. However, once you’ve found it, the owner Hans Meus conjures up the most delicious regional dishes from his chef’s hat. The history of this lovely water mill dates back to the 13th century. If you’d like to see the mill in action, you can visit between 2 and 5 p.m., every first Saturday of the month. The miller will be happy to give you a demonstration and relate an interesting tale or two.

ADDRESS

Gempstraat 56
3390 Sint-Joris-Winge

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(in Dutch)
This walk takes you on a journey of exploration through the hamlets of Alsberg and Tielt. A large stretch of this walk takes you over the crest of a hill, providing you with a majestic vista of the area. However, for the best vantage point you’ll need to visit the newly restored Vlooyberg Tower halfway; the fields give way to a section of the Walen Forest, which also happens to be the largest alder forest in Flanders.
WERVELDT WALK

The Werveldt Walk takes you from Lubbeek’s dorpskring [village circle] out into the rolling countryside. From there, you’ll walk sunken paths and pass expansive fields and open countryside bordered by dense forests. In the end, you’ll reach the hamlet of De Heide, once called Werveldt in a distant past.

DEPARTURE POINT
Sint-Martinus Church
Dorpssingel 3210 Lubbeek

SIGNPOSTING
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ADDRESS
Dorpsstraat 14
3210 Lubbeek

The Werveldt Walk is a landscape walk in the Hageland. Want to see more? WWW.TOURISMFLEMISHBRABANT.BE/WALKING

BEER PROVINCE, FLEMISH BRABANT

The Brouwateljee is more than just a cozy village pub in Lubbeek. Hobby brewers Steven Bollion and Jan Haegemans brew and draw their own hoplicious creations. How about a light Brabants pint, a spicy Spacelord Habanero or a Vesalius kriek? And since these creative minds brew their own, you can expect new brews on a regular basis, which you can try out under the hop vines covering their terrace. For something with a new twist, try their homemade lemonades and gin!

ADDRESS
Dorpsstraat 14
3210 Lubbeek

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This walk winds you round from Drieslinter to Neerlinter and back. The valley of The Large Gete River offers a stunning panorama. Right from the start, young and old alike can set off to explore the magic and splendour of the nature reserve’s biodiversity. To cross the Gete River and reach the Gete Dragon, you’ll need to travel a spectacular bowed suspension bridge first. The Doysbroek nature reserve is also a stop on your route, along with the age-old St Lucia chapel and beautiful buildings such as the Geens Mill and Neerlinter Castle.
HALEWIJN WALK

Stroll through centuries of history and the impossibly beautiful natural surroundings of Zoutleeuw. Your journey begins at Het Vinne Provincial Domain, which contains the largest natural lake in Flanders. You could spend a day in itself here, walking the corduroy roads, past hides, watchtowers and the huge diversity of aquatic flora and fauna. Via the ‘IJzerenweg’ (a former railway turned into a cycle path) your destination journey begins at Het Vinne Provincial Domain, which contains the largest natural lake in Flanders. Let loose on the super-fun creeping and climbing playground, travel an Olympic path and an outdoor sensory path, climb a watchtower and visit the bistro with its large terrace. The best part, however, is simply walking around and over the grand lake on the corduroy paths, between metre high reeds and ac­­companyed by a chorus of twittering water birds.

DATE OF WALK

WEATHER

NOTEWORTHY SPOTS

IMPRESSIONS

ADDRESS

Ossenwegstraat 70
3440 Zoutleeuw

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Het Vinne Provincial Domain

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DEPARTURE POINT 1
Het Vinne Provincial Domain
Ossenwegstraat 70
3440 Zoutleeuw

DEPARTURE POINT 2
Oud Hospitaal
Paardenbrugstraat
3440 Zoutleeuw

Het Vinne Provincial Domain

is Zoutleeuw’s Grote Markt, a visual treat with its Gothic town hall, the Lakenhalle and St Leonard’s Church.

The Halewijn Walk is a recommended loop on the Getevallei walking network. Want to see more?

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**MENE AND JORDAAN WALK**

Don’t forget your hiking boots for this walk connecting the rural villages of Meldert and Hoksem. From the Mene and Jordaan Valley you’re gifted with a captivating view of wheat fields and rolling hills; however, the roads can be swampy.

**DEPARTURE POINT**

Sint-Remelindis Church
Sint-Laurentiusstraat 4
3320 Meldert (Hoegaarden)

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**PALLOX**

Climb the sturdy tower of giant stacked fruit boxes (palloxen) and look out over the fields and fruit orchards of Hoksem, bordering Hoegaarden. Pallox is a tribute to the area’s fruit growers. This work is part of the Fruit-themed Works of Art project, which you can find in eleven municipalities of the Hageland blossom region. The project is composed of unique works of art inspired by blossoms and fruit farming.

**ADDRESS**

Bronstraat w/n
3320 Hoegaarden
SEVEN SPRINGS WALK

With over seven springs, it’s no surprise that Zevenbronnenbeek [Seven Springs Brook] was given its name. This walk traces the brook through the valley to the rural villages of Walshoutem, Weseren and Walsbets, not forgetting the rolling fields in between.

**DEPARTURE POINT 1**
Sint-Jan-De-Doperkerk
Wezerenstraat
3401 Walsbets (Landen)

**DEPARTURE POINT 2 (WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE)**
Coppejanshoeve
kruispunt Wezerenstraat / Walhostraat
3401 Walshoutem (Landen)

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THE CHURCHES OF WAASMONT, WESEREN AND WALSBETS

The nativity scenes at the particularly charming churches of Waasmont, Weseren and Walsbets are noteworthy, to say the least. They are genuine works of art, where whole villages spring to life, populated by wooden and porcelain figurines. Their scenes draw several thousand visitors a year who visit to marvel at the innumerable, elaborate details. Tip: from 25 December to 6 January you can follow the signposted nativity tour between 1 and 5 p.m.

MORE INFO please contact the municipality of Landen.

More information on the Seven Springs Walk can be found at www.tourismflemishbrabant.be/walking

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